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1. Polish Military Dispositionsa. Military District (D.O.W.) 1 - Warsaw

1st Inf. Regt. (Praski), 2nd and 3rd Inf. Regt. (Berlinski)
Light Arty. Regt. (Berlinski) forms part of 1st Inf. Div. This regiment has 24 45 mm. guns and 12 75 mm. guns.

Regiment for the protection of the Government. Strength about 2,000 men.

Bodyguard squadron. Strength about 500 men.

Administrative Battalion of GHQ.

Three K.B.W. regiments.

Sentry Regiment, stationed in Fort Bema, which is an armament depot. Strength about 300 men. C.O. is Colonel Wysocki (a Russian). Materials and equipment arrive from the USSR.

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b. M.D. (D.O.W.) No. 2 - Bydgoszcz

Second in command is General Szymanski, recently promoted from the rank of colonel. His real name is Szerman and he is a [redacted] doctor from Vilna.

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c. M.D. (D.O.W.) 3 - Poznan

HQ: Poznan, ul. Jana III.

C.O.: Lt. General Strazewski

C.O.S.: Major General Zielinski, a Russian

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Chief of Personnel Dept.: Col. Piasecki

d. 5th Inf. Div.

13th Inf. Regt.: Poznan

17th Inf. Regt.: Miedzyrzecz

16th Inf. Regt.: Zielona Gora 50X1-HUM

 Comment: This is probably the 15th Inf. Regt. The 16th Inf. Regt. forms a part of the 6th Inf. Div.)

e. 4th Inf. Div. - Kalisz

CO: Colonel Chabowski

COS: a Russian

11th Inf. Regt.: Kalisz

CO 11th Inf. Regt.: Col. Bewziuk

10th Inf. Regt.: Ostrow Wielkopolski

12th Inf. Regt.: Pleszew (P52/X81)

18th Anti-tank battery (dywizjon): Pleszew

6th Light Artillery Regt.: Krotoszyn

? Motor Engineer Battalion: Jarocin 50X1-HUM

 Comment: Major Gen. Bewziuk, mentioned above as CO of the 11th Inf. Regt., was formerly CGMD (D.O.W.) 3 at Lublin.)

f. 8th Inf. Div. - Lodz

34th Inf. Regt.: Lodz

One regiment in Skiermiewice.

One regiment in Tomaszow Mazowiecki.

g. Danzig-Gdynia region

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The 16th Infantry Division, made up of two infantry regiments and one artillery regiment, is in this area. One infantry regiment is stationed in Slupsk. a tank unit is stationed in this region as well. In the town of Danzig there are three KBW battalions.

h. Bialystok

This is the HQ of the 18th Infantry Division. One infantry regiment and three KBW battalions are stationed here. The 62nd Infantry Regiment is stationed at EJK (Lyck), the 57th Infantry Regiment at Suwalki, and an artillery regiment at Giżycko (Luczany, S50/W50).

i. Kielce

One engineer battalion, the 4th Infantry Regiment, and three KBW battalions are stationed here.

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j. Nysa

The 33rd Infantry Regiment is stationed there.

k. Deblin

One air force regiment and a flying officers' cadet school are located there.

l. Elbag

A heavy tank regiment which was transferred from Jarocin is stationed here.

m. Inowroclaw

The 75th Howitzer Artillery Regiment is stationed there. There is a school for regular NCOs attached to this regiment.

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n. 16th "Kolobrzeski" Inf. Regt. - Krakow

CO: Lt. Col. Oimura

2. Internal Security Corps (KWB)

a. Number of regiments: 18

Strength of each regiment: approximately 3,000 men, as compared with the strength of an ordinary Inf. Regt., which is only 1,000 men.

b. Equipment and clothing are superior to those of line regiments. Conscripts are incorporated into this force only after a special selection (descent, party membership, physical fitness, etc.).

c. The KWB is reported to be undergoing reorganization at present. It is to become a mobile force at the disposition of the military authorities for quelling disorders or uprisings.

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3. Soviet Troops and Suppliesa. Koszalin-Szczecin Region

There are numerous Soviet anti-aircraft positions in the area between Koszalin and Szczecin. Aircraft are forbidden to fly over this strip. Large military formations of all types of arms are stationed in the Szczecin area.

b. Opole

Three tank regiments, including one heavy regiment with 80-ton tanks, are stationed here. New Soviet units continue to arrive in the Opole region to reinforce Soviet troops already there. The central supply depots of Rokossovski's army are located along the Opole-Wroclaw railway line. The existence of one of these depots has been established at Orlawa (Ohlau, between Brzeg and Wroclaw).

c. Boleslawiec (Bunzlau)

New units of the Red Army and large stocks of grains have arrived here.

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d. Pilawa Gora

There is an infantry division stationed here. The campment is surrounded by barbed wire and all contacts with civilians have been forbidden.

e. Wroclaw

The Soviet garrison HQ is located in Block No. 42/46 on ul. Piastowska, corner of ul. Sienkiewicza.

f. Psie Pole (Hundsfeld, P52/C69)

Small units of Soviet troops are stationed here.

g. Wroclaw-Osobowice

Several thousand trucks awaiting repair are parked in the vicinity of large motor car repair workshops located here.

h. Warsaw

The 5th and 7th battalions of MVD are billeted on ul. Asfaltowa "for the protection of the Soviet Embassy". There are about 15 prisoners, including one Pole, in prison cells in the cellars of this building.

4. Soviet equipment for Poland

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[redacted] Marshal Zymierski visited Legnica and took over from Marshal Rokossovski part of the equipment and armament destined for the Polish Army in accordance with the Soviet-Polish Agreement concerning supplies for the Polish Army

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